# ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES January 6, 2016

This meeting was advertised in the Hunterdon County Democrat, and notice posted in the Alexandria Township Municipal Offices and the Alexandria Township Website, (www.alexandrianj.gov) as required by the Open Public Meetings Act.

Meeting Called to order at 8:07 PM.

#### **ROLL CALL**:

**PRESENT:** Committeewoman Garay, Committeeman Abraham, Mayor Pfefferle,

Township Attorney Dragan

**ABSENT:** None

#### **FLAG SALUTE**:

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Each Committee Chair needs to contact the Clerk's office after their Re-Organization meetings to report new officers. The Clerk will be available at the beginning of your Re-Org meetings to swear in new members if requested.

• ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION REPORT:

No Report

• FARMLAND/OPEN SPACE:

Chair Fritsche was present and stated that there are definite plans at several levels to preserve from Frenchtown north called "The Cliffs" all the way up to Milford. The Hunterdon County Agriculture Board is endorsing these plans and looking into non-profits to enlist their aid to get money for preservation. Papazian B15, L 27.01 will be closing on Friday. The Diocese of Metuchen closed and a draft agreement is being prepared to allow the farmer to continue using the property. The Kluber property has been approved at the County and the State is waiting on a resolution from the Alexandria Township Planning Board for boundary line adjustment approval. The Kluber property had three appraisals done and two will move forward to the State. Chair Fritsche recommends the two higher appraisals which are from Schaible and Rodriguez be submitted the State. The Heffernan appraisal had discrepancies. The Wilson property is very active but there is a problem with the Hunterdon County Agriculture Board regarding miscommunication of the exception area. The Hunterdon County Agriculture Board will not meet until February.

• PARK & RECREATION REPORT:

No Report

• ROAD CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

No Report

#### PUBLIC COMMENT FOR AGENDA RELATED MATTERS ONLY:

Resident Curtis Schick noted that the DPW filled pot holes on Schick Road nicely. Mr. Schick cleaned the gutter at the park barn and isn't sure about the condition of the roof at the park barn.

Mayor Pfefferle reached out to PSE & G twice with no luck getting through to anyone with concerns about PSE & G trucks parking at the park when vegetation is being cut in the surrounding areas. At this time PSE & G trucks aren't parking at the Township Park.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

• Pepe Property-Remediation /Future Plan:

There are several buildings on the site that can be demolished. House needs remediation first. Need to authorize funds for the estimate made by Hatch Mott MacDonald (HMM) for asbestos removal of roof shingles, kitchen floor and window caulking. Window caulking was most expensive. Once the asbestos removal is complete than the DPW can begin demolition. The interior of the home is very small, not handicap accessible, the plumbing was removed with a hack saw by scrappers, and the home is inhabitable in its current condition. The home and surrounding buildings on the property are an attractive nuisance. Utility pole on property is cracked and tilted. John Anderson from JCP & L has been notified. DPW Foreman Griffith indicated that the demolition could be done for approximately \$10,000.00. The Township Committee will need to speak to CFO Rees about funding since the Township is operating on a temporary budget. Road Chair Garay will speak to DPW Foreman Griffith about the barn on the property and its need of usefulness for the DPW. Fire Marshall Mike Giannone recommends the removal of an old barn at the park which is an attractive nuisance.

• DPW Garage Survey/Planning Board Application:

Twp. Atty. Dragan recommends the Township get a new survey done on the property. Twp. Atty. Dragan will reach out to HMM for a survey price. The Township owns all the property in question and the property will remain as Township Property. The Alexandria Township Planning Board suggested a lot line adjustment. There is contamination on B-7, Lot 56. Comm. Garay made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pfefferle to merge B-7, L-56 & B-7, Lot-23.02 into one parcel.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Pfefferle

Nav: None

**Abstain: Abraham** 

**Motion Carried** 

• Speeding Study for Woolf, Rick, and Senator Stout Roads:

Township Engineer Rob O'Brien recommends 40 MPH for all three roads with various signs on "s" curves at 20 MPH. An Ordinance will need to be prepared by Twp. Atty. Dragan to put the new speed limits in effect.

Comm. Abraham made a motion, seconded by Comm. Garay to approve 40 MPH for Woolf, Rick, and Senator Stout Road with various signs on "s" curves at 20 MPH for the entire length of each road.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle

Nay: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried** 

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

• Recycling Program

At this time the Township will not be able to accept electronics (TV's, computers, refrigerator's, etc.) at dumpster day anymore. A State bill was passed that makes it difficult and costly for Townships to get rid of the electronics that are collected. The Township currently uses Newtech Recycling and for 2016 they will be charging the Township \$350.00 for each pick up along with a 30 cent charge per pound for electronic waste.

• 26<sup>th</sup> Watershed-Wide Annual Stream Clean-up/Raritan Headwaters Association Donation of \$300.00

Comm. Abraham made a motion, seconded by Comm. Garay to donate \$300.00 to support the 26<sup>th</sup> Watershed-Wide Annual Stream Clean-up by the Raritan Headwaters Association.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle

Nay: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried** 

 Resolution 2016-031 Supporting Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification Program

Comm. Garay made a motion, seconded by Comm. Abraham to approve Resolution 2016-031.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle

Nay: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried** 

# RESOLUTION 2016 – 031 TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY SUPPORTING PARTICIPATION IN THE SUBSTAINABLE JERSEY MUNICIPAL CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

**WHEREAS,** a sustainable community seeks to optimize quality of life for its residents by ensuring that its environmental, economic and social objectives are balanced and mutually supportive; and

**WHEREAS,** Alexandria Township strives to save tax dollars, assure clean land, air and water, improve working and living environments as steps to building a sustainable community that will thrive well into the new century; and

**WHEREAS,** Alexandria Township hereby acknowledges that the residents of Alexandria Township desire a stable, sustainable future for themselves and future generations; and

WHEREAS, Alexandria Township wishes to support a model of government which benefits our residents now and far into the future by exploring and adopting sustainable, economically sound, local government practices; and

WHEREAS, by endorsing a sustainable path Alexandria Township is pledging to educate itself and community members further about sustainable activities and to develop initiatives supporting sustainable local government practices; and

WHEREAS, as elected representatives of Alexandria Township, we have a significant responsibility to provide leadership which will seek community-based sustainable solutions to strengthen our community:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that to focus attention and effort within Alexandria Township on matters of sustainability, the Alexandria Township Committee wishes to pursue local initiatives and actions that will lead to Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Alexandria Township Committee of Alexandria Township that we do hereby authorize Michele Bobrowski, Municipal Clerk to serve as Alexandria Township's agent for the Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification process and authorize her to complete the Municipal Registration on behalf of Alexandria Township.

• Resolution 2016-032 Establishing a Green Team Comm. Abraham made a motion, seconded by Comm. Garay to approve Resolution 2016-032.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle

Nay: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried** 

# RESOLUTION 2016 – 032 TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ESTABLISHING A GREEN TEAM ADVISORY (GTA) COMMITTEE

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Alexandria strives to save tax dollars, assure clean air and water, improve working and living environments to build a community that is sustainable economically, environmentally and socially; a community which would thrive well into the new century; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Alexandria wishes to build a model of government which benefits our residents now and far into the future with green community initiatives which are easy to replicate and affordable to implement; and

**WHEREAS,** in an attempt to focus attention on "Green" issues, the Township Committee wishes to establish a Green Team Advisory Committee (GTA); and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Alexandria wants to begin the process of focusing on "Green" issues by starting a green fair with the five sending districts of Delaware Valley Regional HS. The sending districts are: Frenchtown Boro, Milford Boro, Holland Township, Kingwood Township, and Alexandria Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Alexandria will appropriate "seed money" in their 2016 budget to begin the process of making its operations greener, and more environmentally friendly; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Township Committee of the Township of Alexandria that we do hereby establish a Green Team Advisory Committee consisting of eleven members who shall be residents or employees of Alexandria Township, appointed annually; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** by the Township Committee of the Township of Alexandria that the Mission, Goals and Objectives for the GTA through December 31, 2016 are established as follows:

### Mission

The Alexandria Township Green Team Advisory Committee will advise the township committee on ways to improve municipal operations with "Green" initiatives which are economically and environmentally sound through research and evaluation.

#### Goals:

To become a Sustainable Jersey certified municipality trying to maintain either Bronze or Silver certification annually by completing required actions from the Sustainable Jersey actions list. Some of these actions for 2016 are to consist of:

- 1. Compiling a list of open space/farm preservation properties/plans
- 2. Green Business Recognition Program to support and campaign local businesses
- 3. Holding a Green Fair for the Community to engage in sustainable practices at home

4. Community Outreach of Sustainable practices

# **Objectives:**

- 1. Collaborate with township employees, service providers and other governmental agencies to share resource information and ideas consistent with the Mission of the GTA.
- 2. Encourage participation of all employees to solicit ideas on green initiatives.
- 3. Research and analyze green initiatives which make practical environmental and financial sense.
- 4. Develop strategies for sustainable green initiatives in municipal operations.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,** by the Township Committee of the Township of Alexandria that the following persons are hereby appointed to the GTA for 2016 and are eligible to serve until replaced though an updated resolution or ordinance:

#### FIRST NAME LAST NAME POSITION REPRESENTATIVE:

Michele Bobrowski-Township Employee/Township Clerk

Glenn Griffith-Township Employee/DPW Foreman

Mary Jo Tufaro- Township Resident/Chair of the Park/Rec Commission

Jay Arancio-Township Resident/Chair of the Environmental Commission

Doug Schmitt-Township Resident/Environmental Commission Member

Dave Scarinci- Township Resident/Environmental Commission Member

Mike Flynn- Township Resident/Environmental Commission Member

Adrienne Crombie- Township Resident/Environmental Commission Member

Judy Tucker- Township Resident/Environmental Commission Member

Matthew Golden- Township Resident/Environmental Commission Member

Michelle Garay-Township Resident/Township Committee

• Resolution 2016-033 Phoenix Financial Agreement

Comm. Abraham made a motion, seconded by Comm. Garay to approve Resolution 2016-033.

2010-055.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle

Nay: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried** 

# RESOLUTION# 2016-033 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY PHOENIX PROFESSIONAL AGREEMENT

**WHEREAS,** the Township of Alexandria, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey is required to have Continuing Disclosure: and

**WHEREAS,** the Township CFO has reviewed the requirements and various firms that can provide such service: and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the Township to properly maintain the disclosures and the Township of Alexandria has sufficient funds to pay for the annual fee;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Township of Alexandria hereby authorizes the agreement with Phoenix Advisors, LLC to provide Continuing Disclosure at an annual rate of \$950.00 for up to three (3) outstanding issues plus \$100.00 for each additional outstanding issue.

• Resolution 2016-034 Authorizing Tax Assignment B-23, L-2 Comm. Abraham made a motion, seconded by Comm. Garay to approve Resolution 2016-034.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle

Nay: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried** 

# RESOLUTION 2016-034 TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING ASSIGNMENT BLOCK 23 LOT 2

**WHEREAS,** N.J.S.A. 54:5-113 authorizes assignment by a municipality of tax sale certificates for the full amount of the certificate, including all subsequent municipal taxes and other municipal charges; and

**WHEREAS,** Stephen J. Potter, has presented an offer to purchase, by assignment, Certificate of Sale 2015-004 on Block 23 Lot 2, known as 34 Senator Stout Rd. and assessed to Goodwin, Laurence Jr. & Janet Felz, in the amount of \$18,556.12, being the full amount of the certificate, including all subsequent municipal taxes and other municipal charges.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Township of Alexandria hereby authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute the necessary assignment document to effect assignment of the above referenced Certificate of Sale.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector.

• Resolution 2016-035 Authorizing Tax Assignment B-4, Lot 14 Q0345 Comm. Abraham made a motion, seconded by Comm. Garay to approve Resolution 2016-035.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle

Nay: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried** 

# RESOLUTION 2016-035 TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR AUTHORIZING ASSIGNMENT BLOCK 4 LOT 14 (FORMERLY KNOWN AS BLOCK 4 LOT 14Q0345)

**WHEREAS,** N.J.S.A. 54:5-113 authorizes assignment by a municipality of tax sale certificates for the full amount of the certificate, including all subsequent municipal taxes and other municipal charges; and

**WHEREAS**, Stephen J. Potter, has presented an offer to purchase, by assignment, Certificate of Sale 2012-001 on Block 4 Lot 14 (formerly known as Block 4 Lot 14Q0345), known as 264 Goritz Rd., Bloomsbury NJ 08804 and assessed to Titus Ranch

East LLC, in the amount of \$6,053.87, being the full amount of the certificate, including all subsequent municipal taxes and other municipal charges.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township of Alexandria, hereby authorizes the Mayor and Municipal Clerk to execute the necessary assignment document to effect assignment of the above referenced Certificate of Sale.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Tax Collector.

• Resolution 2016-047 Proposed Replacement of County Bridge A-52 & Approach Roadway at Route 519 over the Harihokake Creek

Comm. Abraham made a motion, seconded by Comm. Garay to approve Resolution 2016-047.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle

Nay: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried** 

# RESOLUTION 2016-047 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALEXANDRIA, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY REGARDING THE PROPOSED REPLACEMENT OF COUNTY BRIDGE A-52 & APPROACH ROADWAY AT ROUTE 519 OVER THE HARIHOKAKE CREEK

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Alexandria has received notice that the County of Hunterdon intends to replace County Bridge A-52 and improve the approach of County Route 519 over the Harihokake Creek in the Township of Alexandria and County of Hunterdon in order to improve the structural integrity and geometric features of the bridge structures which have been determined by the Hunterdon County Engineer to be obsolete and deficient; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Engineer has proposed various alternatives to the improvement project in a fact sheet which was presented at a public meeting held on November 5, 2015 at the Everittstown Garage in the Township; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the fact sheet is attached hereto as Schedule A; and

*WHEREAS*, the Alexandria Township Committee has considered the various alternatives presented by the County and agrees with Alternative #5, which it understands is also the recommendation of the County Engineer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee also prefers that topsoil and grass seeding be provided adjacent to the bridge instead of a concrete sidewalk.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Alexandria, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, requests the County of Hunterdon to choose and approve alternative #5 with respect to the improvements to be made in connection with the County Bridge A-52 replacement project as set forth on the summary sheet attached hereto as Schedule A and further requests that instead of installing a concrete sidewalk along the new bridge, that it be improved with topsoil and grass.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Committee requests the County to coordinate an acceptable detour route and notice of construction in advance of the start of same with the Township Engineer.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Municipal Clerk is directed to provide a copy of this resolution to the Hunterdon County Engineer and the Hunterdon County Freeholders.

#### **ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

Mayor Pfefferle read the following report prepared by Township Engineer Robert O'Brien:

# 1.) Alexandria Estates (Toll Brothers) – Inlet Repairs:

01/05/16 – Follow-up call to Toll Brothers. Awaiting response.

- 2.) Garage Site Remediation/LSRP: Ongoing
- 3.) Pepe Property Environmental Investigation:

01/05/15 – Soil samples for potential former agricultural uses (pesticides) and samples from septic field will be collected at the Township Committee's direction.

# 4.) Road Evaluation:

01/05/15 – Speed recommendation memos sent via e-mail to Committee.

### 5.) DPW pole building:

Copy of tax map showing approximate location of building in relation to property lines is attached for Committee's reference. One possible issue with merging DPW lot with Pepe property is that may require sampling on DPW lot for former agricultural uses. Working to complete bid specifications to bid project next month.

### 6.) Alexandria Estates:

Release of bond for trailer – Per Peter Rees, inspection escrow balance is zero & needs to be replenished. Will contact Toll regarding escrow.

# 7.) Hemingway Estates:

Release of performance bond – Per Peter Rees, inspection escrow balance is not sufficient to cover full inspection.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- November 4, 2015 Twp. Committee Special Meeting
- December 9, 2015 Twp. Committee Meeting
- December 9, 2015 Executive Meeting
- December 28, 2015 Twp. Committee Special Meeting
- December 28, 2015 Executive Meeting

Comm. Abraham made a motion, seconded by Comm. Garay to approve the above Township Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Meeting Minutes.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle

Nay: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried** 

### **PUBLIC COMMENT ON GENERAL MATTERS:**

Resident Ray Mulcahy of 1430 Route 519 asked the Township Committee to reconsider his request for a Subordination of Mortgage. He is trying to refinance his home. Mr. Mucahy has two outstanding COAH loans on this property. Twp. Atty. Dragan requested that Mr. Mulcahy supply her with a full title binder so that she could review and advise the Township Committee.

Fire Marshall Mike Giannone noted that Quakertown Fire Chief Brad Patkochis is concerned about residents parking in front of emergency water supply tanks at the Toll Brothers-Alexandria Estates Development. Mr. Giannone would like 2 "No-Parking/Fire Zone" signs per water tank installed in Developments that have water supply tanks. Township Committee will look into an ordinance for ticket enforcement purposes. Twp. Atty. Dragan will draft a resolution to purchase and for the placement of signs.

Resident Curtis Schick asked about the status of Toll Brothers. Township Committee advised that the matter will be discussed in Executive Session. Mr. Schick does not want Hatch Mott MacDonald to perform the inspections at Hemingway Estates for the release of the maintenance bond to the contractor.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

• A letter dated November 18, 2015 was received from the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) regarding Van's Self Storage B-17.01, L-7 noting that a Final Warning Letter was issued to Van's Self Storage dated October 21, 2015 regarding unauthorized placement of fill material within the combined flood hazard area of the Harihokake Creek (a Category -1 watercourse) and the Delaware River in 2006. Van's Self Storage needs to file a permit application and submit a proposal with the NJDEP. Failure to do so will result in further enforcement action by the NJDEP. Van's Self Storage is

proposing to compensate for the unauthorized fill material on the site by removing existing storage containers associated with the Van's Self Storage commercial storage facility sufficient to equalize the available volume of flood storage for the site.

- DEP News Release: Department of Environment Protection Recommends Best Practices for Wood Burning During Colder Months
- With colder weather on the way, the Department of Environmental Protection is reminding New Jersey
  residents to take steps to reduce their impact on air quality when burning wood for heat, whether in
  fireplaces, wood stoves, or outdoor wood boilers.
  - The DEP recommends following these guidelines for burning wood at home:
- 2.) Allow wood to season before burning it. Seasoning entails allowing the wood to sit outdoors for at least six months. Seasoned wood is darker, has cracks in the end grain and sounds hollow when smacked against another piece of wood.
- 3.) Use a wood moisture meter to test the moisture content of wood. Wood burns most efficiently when its moisture content is below 20 percent.
- 4.) Stack wood neatly off the ground with the top covered to protect the wood from rain and snow.
- 5.) Start fires with newspaper and dry kindling. Keep fires burning hot.
- 6.) Regularly remove ashes to ensure proper airflow.
- 7.) Never burn garbage, cardboard, plastics, wrapping materials, painted materials or pressure-treated wood in your stove or fireplace.
- 8.) Keep anything flammable including drapes, furniture, newspapers and books far away from any wood-burning appliance. Keep an accessible and recently inspected fire extinguisher nearby.
- 9.) Consider using an indoor air HEPA filter in the same room as a stove or fireplace. A study by the University of British Columbia indicates these filters can reduce indoor particle pollution by 60 percent.
- 10.) State regulations and some municipal ordinances prohibit the emission of visible smoke from outdoor wood boilers. Wood boilers heat a fluid that is circulated in homes and buildings for heating purposes. Under state regulations, these boilers may only emit visible smoke for three minutes every half-hour to allow for start-up.
- 11.) In deciding how to heat your home this winter and reduce your exposure to fine particles from wood smoke, DEP recommends upgrading to a U. S. Environmental Protection Agency-certified wood stove or fireplace insert. The newer equipment will reduce air pollution and is much more energy efficient.

For more information on wood burning in New Jersey, visit: <a href="http://www.nj.gov/dep/baqp/woodburning.html">http://www.nj.gov/dep/baqp/woodburning.html</a>

# • JCP & L Visual Inspections on Transmission Lines

The Haverfield Corp. will be performing Comprehensive Visual Inspections (CVI's) on the 230kV transmission lines in the JCP&L Region starting January 4th 2016. The CVI patrols on these lines are expected to take 3 to 4 weeks for completion and are therefore expected to be complete by the end of January, weather permitting. The CVI patrols are a slow-speed, close-up, detailed inspection of the lines and hardware. The helicopter will be flying slowly (approximately 10 mph) along the lines and will often hover and/or circle for a close inspection of the facilities, particularly at the individual structure

locations.

The flight crew provides information on their daily location to both Transmission Lines Maintenance and the FCC, and the pilot will be in communication with any local airports when in their airspace. Please share this information as appropriate.

The helicopter scheduled for these patrols is Black with red lettering, MD 500 with registration (tail) number N8330P.

# Reward Offered in New Jersey Bald Eagle Shooting

The United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife are seeking information leading to the conviction of the person or persons responsible for shooting and injuring a bald eagle found in Pittstown, New Jersey. The Humane Society of the United States and The Humane Society Wildlife Land Trust are offering a reward of up to \$5,000 for this information, in addition to a \$2,500 reward from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

According to the USFWS, the wounded eagle was found in the Shy Creek residential development of Pittstown on December 7, 2015. An examination revealed that the eagle had been recently shot. The eagle sat perched in a tree for several days with a severely broken leg, before rescuers could capture the bird and take it to a rehabilitation center.

Terri Edwards, spokeswoman with the USFWS, said: "Shooting a bald eagle is a serious crime and we urge anyone with information about this case to come forward."

Kathleen Schatzmann, New Jersey state director for The HSUS, said: "This senseless shooting of our national symbol is a serious crime and we are appalled at the blatant cruelty involved. We are grateful to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife for their diligent efforts to bring the offender to justice."

Shooting an eagle is a violation of two federal laws: the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, as well as the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Someone convicted under those laws could face imprisonment of up to one and a half years with maximum fines of \$100,000 and \$15,000, respectively.

Comm. Abraham made a motion, seconded by Comm. Garay to move to Executive Session.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle

Nay: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried** 

# **Open Public Meetings Act RESOLUTION- Executive Session**

**WHEREAS,** N.J.S.A. 2:4-12, Open Public Meetings Act, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Alexandria, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. 2.	The public shall be excluded from discussion of the hereinafter specified subject matters. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:		
		A confidential or excluded matter under Federal or State Law or Court Rule.	
		A matter involving information that may impair the Township's rights to receive funds from the United States Government.	
		A matter constituting an unwarranted invasion of an individual's privacy rights.	
		Collective Bargaining Agreement or negotiation of the Agreement.	
	_X_	Matters involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds which it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion were disclosed.	
		Kluber Appraisal COAH	
		Tactics and techniques to protect the safety and property of the public, including investigations of violations or potential violations of the law.	
	_X	Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations in which the public body is or may become a party.  Toll Brothers  DPW Contract	
		Matters falling within the attorney-client privilege.	
		Personnel matters involving a specific employee or officer of the Township.  Township Committee Meetings	
		Deliberations of the Township occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific penalty or suspension or loss of a license or permit.	

- 3. It is anticipated at this time that the above matter will be made public: at the conclusion of the litigation and at such time as attorney client confidentiality is no longer needed to protect confidentiality and litigation strategy.
- 4. The executive session minutes will be placed on file in the township clerk's office, and will be available to the public as provided for by New Jersey law.

5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Comm. Abraham made a motion, seconded by Comm. Garay to return to Public Session.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle

Nay: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried** 

#### **MOTIONS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Comm. Abraham made a motion, seconded by Comm. Garay to accept the appraisal by Mick Schaible of Vanguard Appraisal Service for the Kluber Property B-20.01, L-9.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle

Nay: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried** 

# **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

The following matters were discussed in Executive Session:

• Toll Brothers/Litigation:

Matter to stay in Executive Session

• Kluber Appraisal/Acquisition of Real Property:

Twp. Atty. Dragan will provide appraisals from Tom Rodriquez and Mick Schaible to the State Ag. Board

• DPW Contract/Contract Negotiations:

Matter to stay in Executive Session

• COAH/Litigation:

Matter to stay in Executive Session

# MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mayor

MOTION TO ADJOURN			
Comm. Garay made a motion, seconded by Comm. Abraham to adjourn.			
Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle			
Nay: None			
Abstain: None			
	<b>Motion Carried</b>		
Meeting Adjourned at 9:58 PM.			
Respectfully Submitted:			
Michele Bobrowski, RMC Township Clerk			
I hereby certify that I have reviewed these Minutes of the Township of January 6, 2016 and certify that said Minutes were approved unantownship on the 10th day of February 2016.	_		

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_